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PATRIOTIC COLUMBIANS.

Columbus has always been noted for the patriotism of her people, and the effort which is now on foot to raise a company of volunteers to participate in the war with Mexico furnishes new evidence of the loyal spirit which pervades her citizenship.

Capt. T. H. Sharp and Mr. J. G. Weatherly have inaugurated a movement to raise a company of infantry, and hope to have the organization ready to respond promptly to the first call for volunteers that is issued by President Wilson.

Capt. Sharp, who is the present efficient postmaster of Columbus, is the son of the late General J. H. Sharp, who was a prominent officer in the civil war, and has himself experienced valuable military service, having commanded a company in the recent war with Spain. Mr. Weatherly, while a comparatively recent addition to the citizenship of Columbus, is a native of the south, and has loyal blood coursing through his veins. Both he and Capt. Sharp are deeply interested in the scheme to organize a company of volunteers and have entered into the undertaking with commendable enthusiasm.

Capt. Sharp will command the new company and Mr. Weatherly will serve as first lieutenant, while other officers will be selected after organization has been perfected. It is the intention of the promoters to have the company organized, equipped and drilled in ample time to respond to the first call for volunteers which is issued by President Wilson.

WILSON AND THE WAR.

It has often been said that it is indeed an ill wind which blows no one good, and while the impending war with Mexico will doubtless entail countless hardships upon soldiers and bring grief to the hearts of mothers, wives and sweethearts who may be so unfortunate as to lose sons, husbands and lovers as a result of the fighting, it will undoubtedly accrue advantageously to President Wilson, whose chance for re-election will be materially increased by the combat.

Ever since the United States has been a nation war has served to increase the popularity of the occupant of the White House at the time hostilities began and the people have always been loath to make changes in administration as long as these hostilities progressed. Then, too, the firmness displayed by the President in refusing to accede to the demands of Carranza that American troops be withdrawn from Mexico has proven to his constituents that he is not the "pussyfoot" that Roosevelt has said he is, but has the backbone to support his contentions for what he believes right and just by calling out the militia to subdue Carranza and force him into subjection.

When President Wilson first recognized Carranza as the de facto president of Mexico many people thought he was making a mistake, and time has proven that they were correct in this assumption; but the smartest men err in judgement some times, and the President has proven beyond all cavil that his recognition of Carranza did not mean that he should have a full rein and should follow the example of the rascally Villa in wantonly murdering American citizens.

In a recent issue the West Point Times-Herald had an editorial mentioning the different newspapers throughout the state that are endeavoring to boost the towns and cities in which they are published, and complimented the Commercial by including the publication in the list. We have always tried conscientiously to boost Columbus and Lowndes county, and are glad to note that our contemporary appreciates our efforts. We have a good county and a good town, and if our citizens will only pull together the community is sure to advance and prosper.

WILL SHOW INCREASE.

It is not only earnestly hoped but conscientiously believed that the recount of educable children within the borders of Lowndes county will show a perceptible increase over the count recently completed, which shows an appreciable loss as compared with the last previous count, which was made in 1912.

The enumeration recently completed showed the number of educable children in the county to be something like 5,000 less than four years ago, and if the count should prove to be correct it would result in a loss of \$54,000 to the county in the distribution of the state school fund. This fund is distributed according to the number of educable children residing in different counties throughout Mississippi, and the quadrennial enumerations were on the basis on which to make the estimate of the distribution for the ensuing four years.

Under the law it is the duty of the tax assessor in each county throughout the state to make the quadrennial enumerations, but Mr. George W. Vaughn, the tax assessor of Lowndes county, was not physically able to personally undertake the recent count, and it was made by two assistants. These assistants, while clever and intelligent gentlemen, were totally inexperienced in the work, and it is believed that many children who should have been included in the enumeration were inadvertently omitted.

Instances have already come to light where the enumerators skipped whole families in which there were any where from three to six children of educable age, and a close analysis of the situation makes it appear practically impossible for the number of educable children within the borders of Lowndes county to have fallen off to the extent of 5,000 within the short period of four years. Every child necessarily has a father and mother, and a decrease of 5,000 in the number of educable children would indicate that several thousand families had moved out of the county. This is not by any means a logical assumption, as a canvass for a city directory made in 1914 showed that there had been an increase in the population of Columbus during the preceding two years, and it is highly probable that the same ratio of increase has been maintained throughout the county.

In the recount which is soon to be undertaken special effort will be made to secure the name of every child of educable age residing within the borders of the county, and it is hoped that the enumeration will show the number of these children to be nearly, if not quite, as great as in 1912.

APPOINTMENT OF GREGORY PROBABLE.

Recent press dispatches from Washington state that Hon. T. W. Gregory, at present attorney-general of the United States, will probably be named by President Wilson to succeed Hon. Charles E. Hughes, who recently resigned from the supreme court to accept the Republican presidential nomination.

Gen. Gregory, who was born at Crawford, is one of three citizens of Lowndes county to be signally honored by President Wilson, he having been appointed to succeed Hon. W. H. McReynolds as attorney-general, while Hon. P. W. Maer, editor of the Columbus Dispatch, was appointed collector of the port of Mobile and Hon. M. A. Franklin, another Columbian, was appointed to a similar position at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

Taken all in all, Columbus and Lowndes county have fared very well at the hands of the present administration, and in the event that Gen. Gregory is named to succeed Justice Hughes on the supreme court bench, which seems extremely likely, Lowndes county will again be signally honored.

It is said that a certain Colorado editor each year materially increases the number of his subscribers by running down roosters, it being his plan to bet a year's subscription against a dollar that he can catch any cock a farmer may select. We have in our time known several pencil pushers who were expert "chicken" chasers, but, they generally confine their activities to the "fe-tale of the species."

As Justice Hughes and Mr. Fairbanks both wear flamboyant whiskers they can hardly expect the support of tonsorial artists throughout the country.

"Col. Roosevelt in doctor's hands," reads a recent head line, and we thought he needed an undertaker to officiate at the burial of his political ambitions.

With Hughes and Fairbanks as their candidates, Republicans may logically claim that the official ticket is "cutting much ice."

It begins to look like Carranza has bitten off more than he can chew.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress.
E. S. CANDLE
JAS. A. CUNNINGHAM

MACHINE GUNS USED BY THE MEXICANS

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and K, is not known here, but it is estimated that they could not have secured 150 men, allowing for those sick and on detached service.

With but seven survivors reported as arriving at the main column, the number of those unaccounted for, speculatively, is pitifully small.

The report from Gen. Pershing stated that the stories of the survivors were confused and did not conform in all details with the report made by the first arrivals from the battlefield. Gen. Pershing reported there was a scene of wild confusion when the Mexicans opened fire and their cavalry charged. The stragglers were cut off in an effort of Capt. Boyd to extricate his men from the jaws of the trap which was closing on his command, or fled before the outcome of the battle could be learned.

Gen. Pershing, according to his report, had received no word from the two battalions of the Eleventh cavalry which he had sent to rescue the remnants of Capt. Boyd's expedition. He stated that he had taken no measures to support the squadrons of the Eleventh.

Gen. Funston said tonight that he had received no news regarding the report that Gen. Bell had crossed the border at El Paso and that no confirmation had been received of rumors of reported bandit raids near Hachita, N. M., and Brownsville.

SOLDIERS ARE TO BE RUSHED TO FRONT

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Carrizal and Mazatlan, no course could be mapped out.

Further reports from Gen. Pershing were expected hourly. Officers here believe that cavalry reinforcements sent out as soon as rumors of the fight was heard, must have joined the survivors by now and should reach some point along American lines in Mexico soon. They are undoubtedly impeded by wounded.

New indications came today that Carranza and his advisers, impressed by the arguments of European representatives or the ominous significance of the preparations for war ordered by President Wilson, was searching for a peaceful solution of the dispute they had raised. Eliso Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, made the rounds of the Latin-American embassies and legations with his assurances from his government that Mexican troops had no aggressive purposes against the American columns and would attack only if the Americans were on the offensive. His advice did not say, however, what would be regarded as offensive operations. In this connection it was noted that the state department has obtained no information through Special Agent Rodgers of the report that Carranza himself directed General Trevino to notify Gen. Pershing that any movement of his troops except toward the border would be resisted. Gen. Pershing's report on the warning from Trevino was transmitted to Mexico City some days ago.

Our June Sale offers merchandise for less than they can be bought at wholesale now. Lipsey and Chapsky.

Friends of Hon. W. S. Newby, who has been ill at his home on South Seventh street for quite a long time past, will regret to learn that his condition is still considered serious. They hope, however, and the Commercial shares this hope, that there will soon come a change for the better and that he will ultimately be stored to permanent health.

The many friends of Mrs. John Lanthrip regret to learn that she is ill at her home on Military road.

Christian Church Services.
The subject for the morning services at the Christian church today is "A Mountain Top of Experience." Evening subject: "Am I Right." Everybody cordially invited.

Chiropractic vs. Surgery.
Do we believe in surgery? Certainly. But there is a CAUSE for some people having gall stones, female disorders, tonsillitis, appendicitis, etc. The best remedy for disease is removal of PRIMARY CAUSE—not removal of the diseased organs. Pressure upon nerves is the primary cause of the above mentioned diseases, and nature will restore health as soon as CHIROPRACTIC ADJUSTINGS have relieved the pressure—and the body is left whole, as the Creator made it. ROBERTS & ROBERTS, Chiropractors.

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Tuesday, July 4th.

An Ordinance.

Regulating the supervision of surface privies within the corporate limits of the city of Columbus, Miss., and imposing penalties for non-compliance therewith.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the city of Columbus;

Sec. 1. That it shall be unlawful for any surface closet or privy anywhere within the corporate limits of the city, which is not connected with the city sewerage system, whether kept and maintained by authority of law or not, to be in an unclean, filthy or unsanitary condition. All such closets or privies are required to be made fly-proof either by screening or having doors in rear with hinges swinging down, and the holes in the seat to be closed with lids when not in use.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, that no part of the contents or the substance of any such privy shall, by any person, be allowed to drop or run into and remain in any street or public place.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained that it shall be the duty of all persons having, owning or controlling surface privies not connected with the sewerage system, anywhere within the corporate limits of the city, to keep or have such privies kept clean and well disinfected by the use of lime or other disinfecting agents, and to have all excremental matter therein deodorized or sufficiently sprinkled with dry earth or with fine wood or coal ashes daily, and to have the excrement removed therefrom as often as may be necessary.

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained, that the excrement accumulating in all such privies anywhere in this city not connected with the sewerage system shall be removed therefrom by the owner or tenant, and finally hauled off or buried at a depth of at least eighteen inches from the surface, as often as may be necessary, to keep same clean and in the required sanitary condition.

Sec. 5. Be it further ordained, that the actual tenant or occupant upon which said privies are situated shall be, as well as the owner thereof, held responsible for the sanitary condition of same, and it shall be the duty of each to have such privies kept clean and in proper sanitary condition, provided, that no tenant or occupant who has lately come into possession of any such premises shall be held responsible for the unclean condition of a privy thereon that existed prior to his coming into possession of same.

Sec. 6. Be it further ordained, that any person, or persons violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction before the Mayor, be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

Sec. 7. Be it further ordained that all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions hereof be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Sec. 8. Be it further ordained, that this ordinance take effect and be in force from and after ten days after its adoption and publication.

Adopted June 7th, 1916.

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